

U S B Mint New Orleans  
March 13<sup>th</sup> 1839

Sir

Your letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> ulto. was received yesterday and I feel truly thankful to you for it; and I assure you, Sir, no exertion shall be wanting on my part to meet the views of the Secretary of the Treasury and yourself.

The two pair of half dollar dies also arrived yesterday and as Mr. Tyer has a quantity of planchettes of that denomination, I have requested him to strike them with as little delay as possible, so that our treasurer may pay off his Certificate and augment the Circulation of our Coins, which is exceedingly desired.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. I requested the Secy of the Treas. to issue a warrant in your favor for \$3000, to pay the balance due you by our treasurer and put you in funds to procure materials for this Branch. Mr. Maxwell some time ago requested me to write you to get and send us about three hundred Dollars worth of Nitric and Sulphuric acid in equal quantities. We are at a loss what to do with the empty Car Boys. Mr. Maxwell thinks their freight back would be more than the would be worth. Would I be authorized in selling them - or having them sold at auction? The latter is the course in the military and naval service. Mr. Maxwell also wished me to ask you the price of sand crucibles as there is a gentleman here who offers a lot has on hand and has had for twenty years, at cost, he says, and Mr. M. thinks they would at times be very useful, but none of us have any idea of the prices of such articles.

I remain Your Faithful Humble Servant  
David Bradford, S. P.